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AMENDMENT

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of November 5, 2002, which has a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending February 5, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

"Version without Markings"

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for reading or writing data markings of an optical recording medium having data markings arranged along a track and header markings arranged laterally offset with respect to the centre of the track, and an intermediate track being arranged between two adjacent tracks, the apparatus comprising:
- 2 a header identification unit;
 - 3 a header sequence detector;
 - 4 a track crossing detector; and
 - 5 an intermediate track detector for generating an intermediate track signal,